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1. CHARGE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS YAR RELATIONS WITH EAST ASIAN NATIONS WITH FONMIN GEHGHMAN ALONG LINES REFTEL PARA 6. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS TO EMPHASIZE POINT THAT YAR SEEMS TO BE TAKING ONE SIDED POLICY ON EAST ASIAN ISSUES WHICH DOES NOT SEEM CONSISTENT WITH ITS PROFESSED NON-ALIGNED POLICY:

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(A) ON CAMBODIA, YAR WAS CO-SPONSOR OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE REPLACED GKR WITH SIHANOUK REGIME IN UN AND VOTED AGAINST FRIENDLY RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY ASEAN COUNTRIES AND WHICH CARRIED.

(B) IN VIETNAM, NOT ONLY HAS YAR RECOGNIZED HANOI BUT HAS JUST RECOGNIZED VIET CONG.

(C) ON KOREA, YAR'S ONE-SIDED POLICY OF RECOGNIZING ONLY NORTH KOREA DATES BACK TO MARCH 1963, SHORTLY AFTER YAR REVOLUTION. SINCE YAR CIVIL WAR HAS ENDED AND YARG RE-

ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MAJOR WESTERN COUNTRIES IN EARLY 1970S, ROK HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SOUGHT ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH YAR ONLY TO BE REBUFFED FOR NO CLEAR REASON. MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA, MORE THAN 70 WITH NORTH KOREA, AND SOME 40 COUNTRIES HAVE RELATIONS WITH BOTH.

2. JUST AS YAR HAS RESISTED COMMUNIST PDY INTERFERENCE, SO HAVE GKR, GVN, AND ROK ALL RESISTED OUTSIDE COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN PURSUIT OF THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS.

3. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, CHARGE COULD NOTE THAT USG FULLY UNDERSTANDS YAR DESIRE PURSUE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT BUT WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT BE APPLIED TO ALL AREAS. KISSINGER

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